

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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I wish to congratulate Department of Public Health for securing this \$43 million four-year U.S. Department of Agriculture-funded grant to improve nutrition and reduce obesity. It substantially increases support for this program, which the Department has operated since 2005 at a much lower level of funding. I also wish to thank USDA and the State's administering agency, the California Department of Public Health for trusting Los Angeles County and its Department of Public Health to make good use of these funds.

But most of all, I want to be sure that the people of Los Angeles County are fully aware of this opportunity for better health and are given the opportunity to be fully involved, for that is the only way this program can be fully effective. Just how will our residents know and participate in the various activities that will be taking place in their

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neighborhoods? How can they get involved as volunteers or, for parents, how do they go about enrolling their child in the planned activities?

There is a great deal of community interest in healthy living initiatives. Widespread public knowledge and support is essential to the success of such initiatives. I believe it is important at the start of the project to know how the Department intends to roll it out.

We also need to be advised periodically, at least by service planning area and preferably by community, what goals for improvement have been set for the four-year program and how far we have come each year in reaching those goals.

I therefore move, that the Director of the Department of Public Health, under the oversight of the Chief Executive Office, do the following:

1. Report back to the Board in 60 days with:

- A) a plan that describes the grant's implementation and goal setting processes, timelines, and spending allocation for each Service Planning Area (SPA) and what key partners will be used; and
- B) a description in the plan that specifies how activities, events and public participation opportunities will be communicated to each community along with contact information for the SPA coordinator (s)

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2. Report back to the Board within 45 days after the close of each year of the project for the County as a whole and for each SPA. on activities undertaken since

project inception, goals for improvement, actual results achieved and a critical analysis and plan for further improvement. The Public Health Commission shall vet each such annual report.

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